



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." ~ Albert Einstein

November 19, 2014

Holiday Hoopla - Dec. 6

The Girls Inc. Holiday Hoopla on Dec. 6 is a family-friendly holiday event held at Fountain Square Mall. Volunteers will staff several different stations throughout the mall, including: supervising and clearing in the pancake breakfast area, selling and taking tickets, selling raffle tickets, staffing the Children's Boutique, directing families to different areas throughout the mall, or helping children with gift wrapping, holiday crafts or decorating gingerbread houses. The volunteer shifts are from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and from 10 a.m.-noon. Minimum age is 18; 16 if with an adult. Please contact Daisy Chew at (812) 336-7313 or dchew@monroe.girls-inc.org. (www.girlsinc-monroe.org)

Hannah House Gala - Dec. 13

Volunteer assistance would be welcomed for the Crisis Pregnancy Center's annual Hannah Gala, to be held on Dec. 13. Volunteers can help throughout the day or evening, working on set up, preparing, serving, clean-up or tear down. Minimum age is 16; 12 if with an adult. If you can help, please contact Erin Moore at (812) 334-0104 or erin@cpcbloomington.org. (www.cpcbloomington.org)

Red Kettle 5K Jingle Bell Run/Walk - Dec. 13

The Salvation Army is holding its second annual Red Kettle 5k Jingle Bell Run on Dec. 13 at 9:45 a.m. on the B-Line Trail near Eighth Street. Ten people are encouraged to volunteer for this fun and exciting event to help with registration, direct traffic at intersections, and encourage the runners. Hot chocolate and hand warmers will be provided! Minimum age is 16; 7 if with an adult. Interested? Please contact Lt. Shannon Forney at (812) 336-4310 ext. 103 or shannon_forney@usc.salvationarmy.org. (www.bloomington.salvationarmyindiana.org)

Free Community Tax Service

Become a Free Community Tax Service hero! If you enjoy both helping others and working with numbers, the Free Community Tax Service is a great volunteer opportunity for you! They are now recruiting volunteers to serve as tax preparers for the 2015 tax season to complete simple 1040 or 1040-EZ tax returns for taxpayers and answer their questions, all while maintaining confidentiality. Bilingual individuals are also needed to volunteer as tax preparers. This service gives low and moderate-income taxpayers access to free tax information and assistance in the electronic filing of their federal and state tax returns. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Ashley Schoolman, United Way of Monroe County, at aschoolman@monroeunitedway.org or (812) 334-8370. (www.financialstabilityalliance.org/freetaxes.html)

Protective Order Assistant Partnership

The Protective Order Assistance Partnership is seeking committed volunteers to serve as Protective Order Assistants (POA) for victims of sexual violence, domestic violence and stalking. POAs work one-on-one with patrons to complete Protective Order applications, create safety plans, and provide referrals for emergency needs. Volunteers will have a unique opportunity to assist survivors of violence and to interact with a multidisciplinary team's unique response to Indiana's Civil Protection Order Act. A minimum six month commitment is preferred. Volunteers must attend the Middle Way House domestic violence volunteer training and its legal advocacy training. Minimum age is 21; 18 if with an adult. Please contact Sarah Hunt at (812) 349-5006 or shunt@co.monroe.in.us.

Community Wish List Spotlight

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church - Free Homework Help

Offers a free homework help and tutoring ministry. To grant a wish, contact Rochelle Laffoon at rochellelaffoon@gmail.com or (812) 606-2428 (302 N. Rogers; www.facebook.com/bethelbloomingtonin)

Wishes: craft supplies, computers, iPads, pencils, pens, notebooks, paper, books (math, reading, science), snacks

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

